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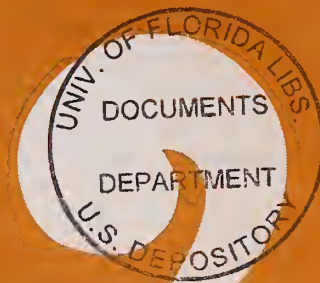
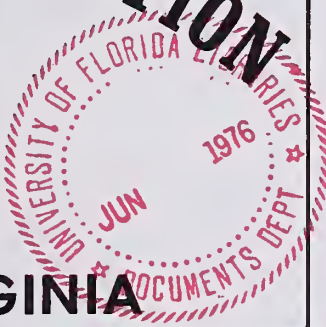
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# The Foundation of the Drug Habit

**E**ach year thousands of Americans turn to drugs. The reasons for taking them are as varied as the drugs themselves. One man's encounter with the drug experience is featured later in this issue. But what makes a person turn to a drug habit? We asked ASAers for their views on the subject.

fast into a big habit, better known as a "hard liner or a drunk". Once there, it then becomes very hard for the person to admit he has become addicted and needs help to find his way back. Therefore, I feel people are driven to drugs for social reasons more than any other reason. It is the American way of life. Be part of the gang, join and make a name for yourself."

**MAJ, AHS**

## Everyone else does

"Taking drugs is just following what everybody else does. Family problems, not getting along with parents and other family members, also pushes some people into the drug habit. Others try to use drugs to better their job performance. . .to get more energy."

**PFC, TC&S**

## Peer, job pressures

"Taking drugs is caused by peer pressure and job performance. It's like a need for a crutch to make yourself acceptable to other people."

**1LT, TC&S**

## Willful act

"There's no push. It's a willful act composed of three factors. One, it's the will to take them. Secondly, is the source where a person can find drugs. And the third reason is the opportunity to use them. There's not an addict or user around today who was hit from behind. It's a willful act."

**SSG, VHFS**

## No direction, goals

"It represents no ultimate direction or goals on which an individual can focus his attention. Some people have too much time on their hands."

**SP4, VHFS**

## Part of gang

"Why do people use drugs? It is very hard to pin down why a person would use drugs as all people react differently when placed in a similar situation. I feel, however, the main reason that a person is turned on to the use of drugs is so they can be part of the "GANG". The use of drugs is much like the use of alcohol, it starts with a small amount and grows

## Can't face life

I believe there are many reasons for people taking drugs. In many cases, it is to be in with a certain group and starts out just by smoking grass. In many cases it leads to stronger drugs. Also, there are those people who take them because they cannot take the ordinary strains of everyday life. In both cases, they find that they must take stronger and stronger drugs just to get the same "high" that they got before and soon they are "hooked".

**SP4, AHS**

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# Popping Pills? Kick the Habit

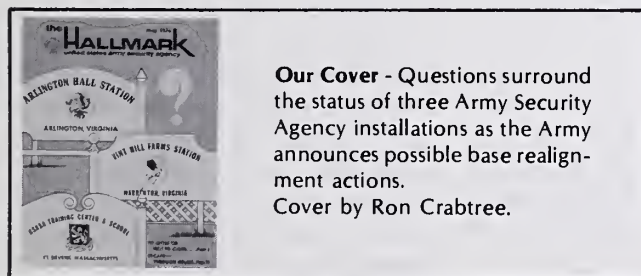
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**Our Cover** - Questions surround the status of three Army Security Agency installations as the Army announces possible base realignment actions.  
 Cover by Ron Crabtree.

"...relieves tension...kills pain...cures infections...use only according to directions..."

Innocent sounding prescription, isn't it?

If used incorrectly or in excess, it could be the foundation of "the drug habit."

Each year, hundreds of thousands of Americans start down that road; and many of them are young people, one of our nation's most valuable resources.

But why?

Escape, peer pressure, wanting to be part of the gang, depression, unable to face life...all the standard reasons for "taking one extra pill".

Drug abuse, once it's taken hold, deals much more than physical pain...it tears at family roots, it increases job tensions, it destroys individuals and communities.

The Federal Government, the military, state and local governments and individual groups each expend millions of dollars every year for educational and rehabilitation drug abuse programs.

There are no hard and fast answers to the problem...scientists still are unsure of the full potential of some medicines or their potential as an addicting medication.

However, by examining the experiences of people who have "kicked the habit" and learning from these experiences, perhaps one will think twice before taking that extra pill.

Pills aren't the problem; they don't ask to be taken or abused. It's the pill taker who needs help.

If you're considering popping that extra pill and laying the foundations for a habit, turn to page 13.

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**T**hree United States Army Security Agency facilities are among 18 Army bases facing possible realignment actions according to Secretary of the Army Martin R. Hoffman.

In the April 1 announcement, Secretary Hoffmann said a formal study has been initiated which could possibly result in closure of Arlington Hall Station, VA, and Vint Hill Farms Station, VA.

The Army has also initiated a study aimed at "reducing the number of existing school activities by consolidation" including those at the USASA Training Center and School, Ft Devens, MA.

The three ASA actions are part of a Department of the Army package, which if approved in totality would result in a reduction of approximately 3600 Army civilian positions, an annual savings to the Army of at least \$42 million and release to active combat units of about 1400 military personnel spaces now associated with support assignments.

The Army secretary equated the military personnel savings to two mechanized infantry battalions and the dollar savings to the annual mission operating costs for two armored division.

Final determinations on the stations and school will be made after the studies are completed.

The Department of the Army has set a Sept. 30, 1978, target date for implementing whatever decisions come from the studies of ASA facilities. However, such a date is one of the many planning factors subject to change in the study process.

In a related announcement issued the same day, DA released a list of preferred alternatives for the US Army Electronics Research and Development Command (USAERADCOM) which has direct bearing on ASA personnel.

A new subordinate command of the US Army Material Development and Readiness Command, USAERADCOM was formed from the Harry Diamond Development Center Study.

Under the proposed alternatives, the electronics research and development functions now performed by ASA would be

transferred to USAERADCOM. This would affect approximately 30 Arlington Hall Station civilian employees who would be transferred to the new command.

The DA preferred alternative release proposes use of Vint Hill Farms Station for portions of the new organization.

Pointing to a possible contradiction between Vint Hill's possible closure and the use of its facilities for USAERADCOM, DA officials point out that the base realignment announcement specifies "that Vint Hill Farms will be studied for possible use by other activities including electronic research and development activities."

"Based on planning milestones for both actions, the decision on the reorganization of electronic research and development activities will be reached while the study of Vint Hill is underway," DA officials point out.

If a decision is made to locate portions of USAERADCOM at Vint Hill, the study on the base's utilization and possible closure would be terminated.

Other Army bases pinpointed for possible closure were Ft Hamilton and Ft Totten, NY; Ft MacArthur, CA; Jefferson Proving



Grounds, IN; Ft Buchanan, Puerto Rico, and the family Housing Activities at Schilling Manor, KA.

Secretary Hoffmann said these particular bases are being studied in order to reduce the number of "high cost, single mission installations."

At Arlington Hall Station, the Army will "study relocation of its communication/security activities," the announcement stated.

Defense Intelligence Agency activities at AHS will not be affected by the Army's action and may receive base operations support from the General Services Administration.

At Vint Hill Farms, DA plans to study the relocation of activities to another installation and "the possible closure of the installation if not required for other Army missions."

A total of 667 military personnel positions and 588 civilian positions may be affected at Arlington Hall according to Army figures; while 751 military and 448 civilian positions are under question at Vint Hill Farms.

In announcing the study concerning TC&S, the Secretary said that "the impact on this school of previous and ongoing Department of Defense efforts to consolidate cryptologic training for all the services, creates a requirement for the Army to further study consolidation of this school with similar activities at other locations."

Should relocation of TC&S prove appropriate, relocation of additional Army troop units at the installation will also be viewed. These realignments could affect 4,372 military personnel positions (this figure includes 10th Special Forces and 39th Engineers in addition to ASA military personnel).

Listed as rationale for the school study were reduction of TC&S's mission during 1974 and 1975 resulting from the tri-service consolidation of certain courses at Goodfellow AFB, TX, and Pensacola Naval Air Station, FL; future consolidation considerations; transfer of TC&S from USASA to the Training and Doctrine Command in October 1976, and the physical size of Ft Devens.

In a news conference following the official announcement, Secretary Hoffman said that after

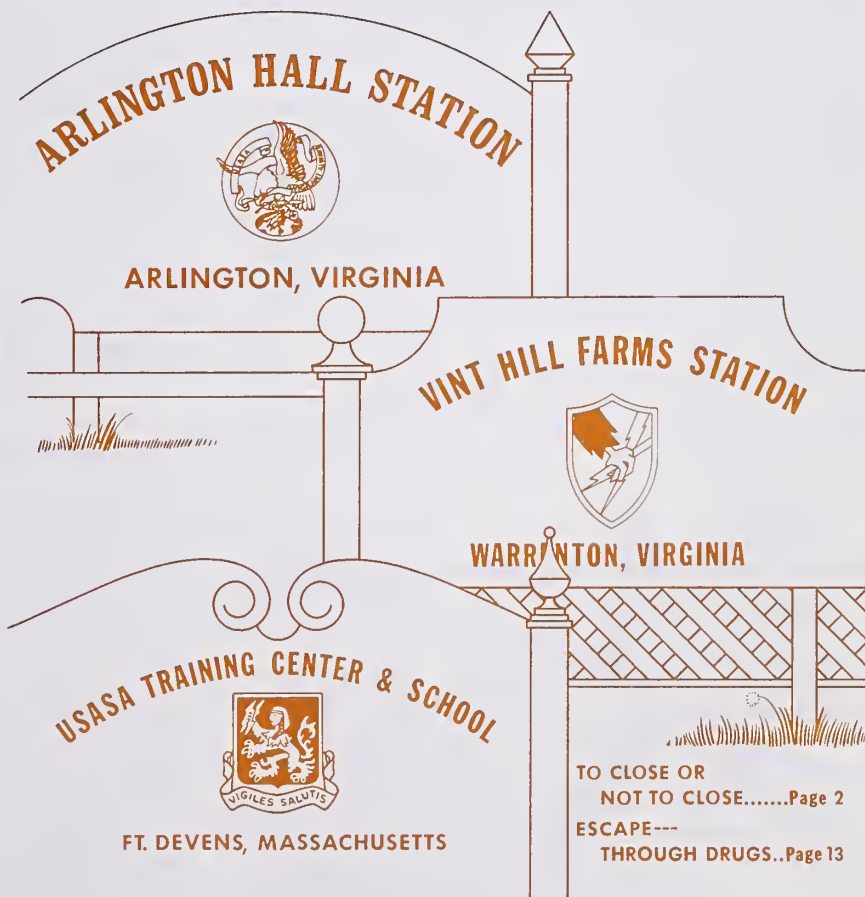
TC&S becomes part of TRADOC, "it will, in all probability, if our plan is successful, be consolidated with intelligence schools either at Ft Gordon or Ft Huachuca."

Proposals concerning the three USASA facilities are considered major actions. It is therefore anticipated that the complete study process for these actions leading to the decision making stage will require a period of 4 to 9 months to complete.

An environmental impact statement including consideration of all appropriate environmental factors as pollution, population and traffic conditions, together with any related socio-economic impact of the realignment on employment, housing, public schools, recreational activities, etc., is required in the study.

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*Studies are underway which could result in vast changes at three Army Security Agency installations.*





## States Want Money, Too

April 15 may be long past but if you didn't file state income tax returns you'd better take a second look!



The military services have told state governments that computer tapes containing 1975 military payroll information will be made available to them.

Thus, state officials will be able to see which servicemen should be paying income taxes.

Tax officials are pushing a Senate bill which would authorize the withholding of state taxes from military pay. The bill already has passed the House.

Also pushing the bill is the Advisory Commission on Intergovernmental Relations.

The commission, a congressional creation, claims service people are further abusing the current system by claiming residence or domicile permitting them to avoid state taxes.

To counter this, the commission has suggested that military people be required annually to certify that their legal state of residence is the state listed in their military records.

Allowing states to tax post exchanges and commissaries is also a recommendation of the governmental commission.

## Buy Back Your Leave

Soldiers who have reenlisted and sold back leave since Feb. 10, 1976—when the FY 76 Appropriation Bill became law—will be allowed to repay the leave payment and have the leave credited instead.

With the anticipated congressional passage of the 60-day limit on leave sell-back beyond FY 76, soldiers who sell back leave early in their career would lose money. If a soldier waits until later in his career when basic pay and allowances are greater, the payment for unused leave will be greater.

The congressional measure limits to 60 days the amount of leave a soldier can sell back over an entire career, instead of at each reenlistment. Soldiers unaware of that provision when reenlisting have been given the opportunity to buy back leave they may have sold at reenlistment since Feb. 10.

Payment must be made in a lump sum by June 30. When full payment has been made, the soldier's leave will be reinstated and his discharge certificate also corrected to reflect the amount of leave sold back.

## 33 Series Changes

The 33 series Career Management Field (CMF) has recently undergone changes as a result of the Enlisted Personnel Management System (EPMS).

The 33C, D, F, G and Z series have been redesignated into a single MOS of 33S. A letter explaining the change has been forwarded from Headquarters, USASA, to all CMF 33 personnel.

Similar revision of the 98 CMF series is in progress.

## That Your Badge?

So you want to play policeman. Beware!

Unauthorized Military Police Badges have been purchased by military personnel; however, the official MP Badge is a controlled heraldic item that is restricted to use by on-duty military police.

Retail outlets and manufacturers who attempt to produce badges that may ultimately be used to deceive uninformed individuals have been advised that such production and sale may be in violation of Title 18, U.S. Code.

However, if you are found with such a badge in your possession, it probably wouldn't be worth the hassle it would cause you.

The moral: If you want to wear a badge, become an MP.





# End Family Worries

Facing a short tour and worrying about moving the family? Good news may be on the way.

CONUS soldiers E6 and above, now living in government quarters, who get orders to short tour areas will likely have the option of keeping their families in the quarters now occupied.

The plan, being formulated by DA, will require the sponsor to ask to keep the quarters 30 days before reporting for overseas assignments.

Families not in government quarters at the time the sponsor departs will not be eligible to move into government housing in the sponsor's absence.

The policy change is a key part of the home base/advanced assignment program. (DA Scene)



## Brass Insignia's Here

A change long requested by soldiers in the Army has become a reality. The Army has adopted a bright brass insignia of grade for wear on the overcoat, raincoat and windbreaker by enlisted personnel.

The new insignia is now authorized for optional purchase and wear in lieu of the current subdued insignia with white plastic backing.

Mandatory changeover date for the bright brass will be Oct. 1, 1976. Starting then, one pair of bright brass insignia of grade will be added to the five pairs of cloth insignia of grade now issued at government expense upon promotion, reduction or conversion in grade.

The insignia is available in the Army-Air Force Exchange system and is also being placed in the Army Supply System.

## Equality Strikes Again

Photographically and chronologically, women now are equal to men in the service.

The Army has revised its special photo policy on military women, applying the same rules on photography to both males and females.

New on-post photograph rules state that soldiers should only be photographed in "situations which reflect Army activities and missions correctly. Photographs which ridicule an individual will not be taken."

The Army also has revamped its policy on the minimum age for enlistment. Since April, 17 is the minimum age for enlistment by either sex. It used to be males could enlist at 17 but females had to wait until their 18th birthday.



### *Recreationally*

## Goodfellow Players Try Harder

Third place during regular season isn't considered too bad when you're fielding an all-student team with your starting players graduating and leaving several times during the season and even half-way through a tournament. And that's against teams made up of permanent party personnel.

But the USASATC&S Goodfellow Det Team at Goodfellow AFB, TX, surprised everyone by taking second place in the post-season tournament.

It was a double elimination

tournament and the Det's chances looked dim when they lost the first game by one point in overtime to the 6941st Squadron B Team.

Fighting their way through the losers' bracket, the Goodfellow team eliminated four Air Force teams in a row to get into the base championship game.

In a hard fought game before several hundred screaming fans, the Detachment team lost to their old rival, the 6941st B, but gained the runnerup slot.



## DOD Guides Participation

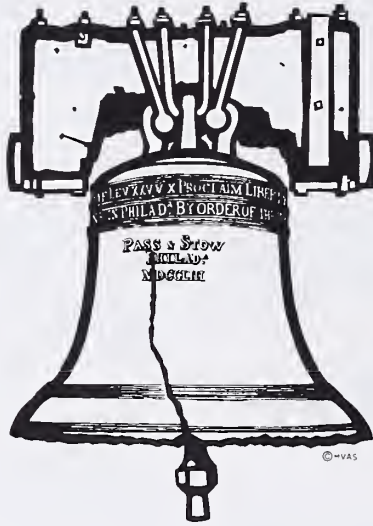
In conjunction with increased bicentennial activities, the Department of Defense recently announced additional guidelines for military units participating in public events.

The announcement came as an amendment to Army Regulation 360-61 (U.S. Army Bicentennial Activities).

According to the new guidelines, prior approval from the Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Public Affairs) must be received for participation in national or international events.

While unit participation in regional or local events normally is approved by the local commander, any of these events having national or international significance must also have the higher approval.

Participation by Army bands, including special bands, in public events requiring travel outside the installation's normal community relations area also need prior DA approval.



## Rooms for Rent for Servicemen

If you're planning a visit to the nation's capital during the Bicentennial celebration, rooms may be at a premium.

But don't despair.

Enlisted men and women can stay in the Soldiers, Sailors, Marines and Airman's Club for a special rate of \$3.50 per night for a dormitory-style room.

Located at 11th and L Streets, NW, the club offers meals at cost, a library, television and air conditioning.

A non-profit organization, the club is exclusively for enlisted personnel and offers private rooms for \$5 per night.

Reservations are not required; however groups are encouraged to call 202-234-0141 to insure accommodations.

## Let the Bells Ring on 4th

Our country's entry into its third century will be heralded with a simultaneous nationwide ringing of bells on July 4.

Set for 2 p.m., Eastern Daylight Time, communities, churches, schools, fire departments, universities and individuals at home and abroad are being asked to toll bells in conjunction with the ringing of the Liberty Bell in Philadelphia.

The time, selected according to Congressional legislation, is exactly 200 years from the precise moment that the Liberty Bell proclaimed the independence of a new nation.

The ringing is scheduled to continue for two minutes in commemoration of the passing of the first two centuries of American nationhood. (Bicentennial Times)

## Need Bicentennial Help?

July 4th is nearly here and your unit has nothing planned. Need some help? Here are some tips . . .

- ...Plan a sunrise flag raising service or provide miniature flags for personnel to display in their cars or homes..
- ...Since our 200th birthday falls on Sunday, plan a special prayer or worship service..
- ...Have a public reading of the Declaration of Independence at approximately 10 a.m., EDT, on July 4th to coincide with the national reading in Philadelphia.
- ...Prepare a time capsule to be opened in another hundred years..

And when your event is planned or over, be sure to let **THE HALLMARK** know.





Hey, Sarge, when can I get promoted?

Sound familiar?

Many soldiers may not be aware of the total promotion process, including waivers and selection procedures.

Sometimes this unawareness adds needless months of wait to the already seemingly unending interval between stripes.

The following chart has been devised by the Department of the Army to answer these and other questions concerning promotions. Particular attention should be paid the footnotes as clues to early promotions are contained there.

# Why and How of Promotions

## DA DCSPER PROMOTION CRITERIA, FY 76, FY 77<sup>1</sup>

For Promotion To	Minimum Time In Service (TIS)	Minimum Time in Grade (In Months) <sup>2</sup>	Selection Method	Selection Level	Frequency of Selection	Frequency of Promotion	Level of Qualification
E-2	4 months <sup>3</sup>	—	Commander	Unit	Daily	Daily	Fully qualified
E-3	12 months <sup>4</sup>	4	Commander	Unit	Daily	Daily	Fully qualified
E-4	24 months <sup>5</sup>	6	Commander	Unit	Daily	Daily	Fully qualified
E-5	36 months <sup>6</sup>	8	Semicentralized <sup>6</sup>	Local selection board	Monthly	Monthly	Best qualified by MOS
E-6	6 years <sup>6</sup>	10	Semicentralized <sup>6</sup>	Local selection board	Monthly	Monthly	Best qualified by MOS
E-7 thru E-9	As announced in zone	As announced in zone	DA Board	HQDA	Annually	Monthly	Best qualified

<sup>1</sup>Transition quarter, Aug-Sep '76.

<sup>2</sup>Half may be waived. After Oct. 1, TIS will be 6 months.

<sup>3</sup>Top 15 percent may be promoted at completion of basic combat training at 2 months and top 5 percent at completion of 4th week of advanced individual training (AIT).

<sup>4</sup>AIT: Limited to 5 percent of entire class. Field commanders may promote soldiers with less than 12 months; authority is limited to 20 percent of assigned and attached E-3s.

<sup>5</sup>Appropriate promotion authority may waive to 15 months. Limited to 80 percent of assigned E-3s and E-4s who have at least 15 months but less than 24 months TIS. Waivers to this rank are temporarily suspended.

<sup>6</sup>Meet eligibility criteria and attain local list status based on 1,000-point standardization scoring system. DA announces monthly cutoff scores, and those with highest scores within MOS receive available promotions. For waiver, E-5s must have at least 24 but less than 36 months, and E-6s must have at least 48 but less than 72 months.



# Volksmarch R Across C

**N**either rain, nor snow, nor mud, nor freezing cold temperatures can stop thousands of people from walking 6 to 25 miles on any given weekend.

Sound crazy?

Yet, 52 weeks a year, German and Americans alike, sometimes between eight and ten thousand of them, Volksmarch—the national German pastime.

## The American Way

Volksmarch fever is spreading!

In early March, 182 participants from Headquarters ASA and Arlington Hall Station, VA, took part in the American version of the 4th International German-American Winter Walk sponsored by the Augsburg American Wandering Club.

Some walked through bustling metropolitan areas, some in the rolling Virginia countryside and some in the quiet residential areas surrounding Arlington Hall.

All received a medal commemorating America's Bicentennial.

The "fever" has caught on enough to inspire a 4-mile and 8-mile historical walkathon for early August through Washington, D.C.'s landmarks.

Arlington Hallers are designing their own medal for all participants.

A Volksmarch roughly translated as a "people's walk", is a hike over a marked route of usually 10 to 20 kilometers (6 to 12 miles) through beautiful countryside and forests. During the summer months, the marches are usually longer.

The earliest account of a volksmarch was in the year 1896. Its origin stems from the marathon race conducted in the Olympic Games.

A Volksmarch was a contest where everyone could compete, but only the first one finished would receive a prize or medal for winning.

The Volksmarch boomed in the 1930's in Germany. It is reported that Adolf Hitler felt the German people were getting too soft, so he encouraged the people to get out and exercise. In response to Hitler's request, the government laid out many walking paths.

Although Nijmegen, Netherland, organized a march in 1906 where everyone who finished could receive a medal, this did not become common practice until 1967 when the International Volks Wandering Association (IVV) was formed.

Their premise? Everyone is equal and therefore entitled to an award. Originally, four countries—Austria, Switzerland, Liechtenstein and Germany—founded the IVV but since then countries from around the world have joined in.

Besides publishing a yearly listing of all scheduled





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marches throughout Europe, the IVV sponsors a newspaper (the Kurier) and oversees an established set of rules which strictly regulate the marches.

For ASA soldiers stationed in Germany, the best way to become involved and participate in a volksmarch is to join the Augsburg American Wandering Club. Members are automatically pre-registered for club-participation events.

Registration can also be done prior to announced marches or at the march itself. A registration fee includes the medal, tea (and sometimes soup) given out along the way and an IVV stamp at the end of the march.

The IVV gives awards for the completion of 10, 30, 50, 75, 100, etc. marches. Each time you complete a march, the IVV card is stamped. When a card is filled with completion marks, it is exchanged for a pin, badge and a certificate.

Awards are also given for completion of various distances.

While you're on a volksmarch, you're likely to see churches, monuments or some points of historical interest that you wouldn't otherwise see.

These trails didn't happen by chance, nor are they easy to set up.

First of all, an area of interest has to be selected. Then the local authorities have to be contacted along with land owners for permission to stage the march.

Once the formalities are out of the way, control points must be set up and the trail walked. A trail may change 15-20 times until everyone is fully satisfied. Then the host club holds a trial march before anyone else traverses the trail.

Volksmarches are an experience you're not likely to ever forget. Once you've been on one, you're hooked.

## The German Way

Some 26,000 daring souls braved the cold, brisk winds to participate in the Augsburg American Wandering Club's 4th International German-American Winter Walk held in early March.

Beginning at the Officers Club, the volksmarchers made their way past the golf course, through the woods (a blessing in disguise considering the intensity of the winds) and back to the club.

Headquarters, Field Station Augsburg took first place honors with 600 plus paid participants. Five hundred people representing the 502d ASA Group also participated.

A total of 174 German and American groups took part in the event.

Augsburg's Wandering Club has traveled to Holland, Austria, Switzerland, France, Italy and Liechtenstein as well as throughout Germany. Chartered in 1973, the club now has over 500 active members.



## pass in review

A roundup of ASA news from Hallmark correspondents



Rivera

### 504th Artist Wins Contest

Specialist 4 Julio Rivera has won first place in the Ft Stewart/Hunter Army Airfield Black History and Culture Month Art Contest.

Assigned to the 504th ASA Group Information Office, SP4 Rivera is a regular contributor to the Wolverine Report, the 504th unit paper.

"I started drawing cartoons when I was about six years old," the specialist states. During his high school years he did artwork for the school paper and year-book.

His interests also spread to athletic activities including the mile and cross country run.

Self-taught in drawing, SP4 Rivera has had little experience in painting. Currently he is enrolled in art courses at Armstrong State College.

Specialist Rivera plans to pursue a career as a professional artist if he leaves the Army. "The Army gave me the chance to become a working artist," he points out. "It's my secondary MOS!"

### Food Award Comes Again for Augsburg Facility

For the second time in the last three years, Gablingen's Dining Facility at Field Station Augsburg has been selected to represent the Army Security Agency large dining facilities in the Philip A. Connelly Competition.

The large unit category consists of dining halls serving 201 or more personnel.

Captain Lee Smith serves as dining facility officer while Chief Warrant Officer Daryl Giddings is the food service advisor.

Master Sergeant William Calhoun, a veteran of 26-years of experience in food service

operations, has been dining facility manager since the facility opened in 1972.

In addition, the facility has a staff of 14 military cooks, 8 civilian cooks and 24 kitchen attendants.

An average 1500 meals are served four times a day from a full-service line, short-order line, sandwich bar and a diet line with food exchange program.

Army-wide judging for the Connelly Award will begin in May with winners and runners-up to be announced on July 1, 1976.

### Sobe Presents Talent Show

Square dances and comedy skits highlighted Field Station Sobe's Torri Talent Contest this year.

Hosting the show was Staff Sergeant Roger Manke, who stars locally on the morning Clock Watcher show on FEN radio.

Members of the Rice Paddy Promenaders performed a square dancing exhibition while members of the ASA Enlisted Wives Club put on a comedy skit.

Winners in the talent portion included Gary Wilson, first place; Tashari Biles, second; Sheryl and Randy Thornton, third, and Jan Buisirt, fourth.

### 302d Activated In Frankfurt

On December 21, 1975, the 302d Army Security Agency Battalion returned to life. The 302d was activated in Frankfurt, Germany, and will be operating in support of V Corps. Commanding the 302d is Lieutenant Colonel Seab N. McKinney.

The 302d ASA BN evolved from the 3252 Signal Service Company which was activated in England on April 1, 1944. While assigned to Warner Kaserne, Bamberg, Germany, in 1955, the 302 Communications Reconnaissance Battalion was redesignated the 302d ASA BN.

On October 15, 1957, the 302d ASA BN was deactivated in Germany.



# That Old College Fever Hits Hard In Misawa

From the commander down, Field Station Misawa personnel are giving higher education "the old college try".

Over 40 per cent of the personnel assigned there are enrolled in some kind of educational endeavor and their reasoning is as varied as the individuals involved.

For some, like Specialist 6 David Engelman, it has been a long hard try.

Ten years after starting at Towson State College in Maryland and thousands of miles away, SP6 Engelman has completed his Bachelor of Arts in business through the University of Maryland's Far East Division.

Along the way, he attended the Defense Language Institute twice first taking Arabic and later a basic Russian course. He also attended Maryland's European Division while stationed in Ethiopia.

## Award Given to MOB DES

An Army Security Agency mobilization designee is the first ASA reserve officer to receive the Oak Leaf Cluster to the Army Reserve Components Achievement Medal.

Lieutenant Colonel Philip S. Freund of Milwaukee, WI, received the award during his annual tour of duty at Arlington Hall Station, VA.

Presenting the award, which was established in 1972, was Lieutenant Colonel Bertrand A. Handwork Jr., Chief of the Reserve Division.

For others, one degree just isn't enough.

Receiving his first advanced degree through the University of Southern California, SSG Larry L. Larson is pursuing another masters, this time in public administration, through the University of Oklahoma.

First Sergeant Lawrence Galt is also working toward a second degree, just for the fun of it. He completed his first Associate of Arts degree through the New York Board of Regents External

Degree Program and now is working towards an associate degree in electronics through Los Angeles City College.

A few students, like Lieutenant Colonel Wayne Stone, commander of the field station, who will complete his Masters in Education from the University of Southern California in August, are taking two or even three classes each session.

In addition to offering classes during the noon hour, the base education center has started a French class in accordance with ASA's new language program. All E-6s, warrant officers and officer personnel not currently enrolled in a language study are required to attend two hours of class weekly.

USASA Field Station Berlin can chalk up No. 2.

For the second time this year, the field station has had an enlistee selected for the prestigious United States Military Preparatory School at Ft Monmouth, N.J.

Specialist 4 Larry F. Bechtel, a 20-year-old native of Sycamore, OH, is the latest selectee.

Already attending classes at the prep school is Specialist Elaine R. Brown, one of the first women to be accepted for the school.

A Russian language graduate from the Defense Language Institute and an honor training graduate from TC&S's Goodfellow Detachment, SP4 Bechtel is active in both company and battalion level sports.

He led the field station's basketball team to the Berlin City Championships and was selected as starting forward on the Berlin All Star Team. He received numerous athletic awards prior to entering military service.

Specialist Bechtel will report to the prep school in July.

## FS Berlin Scores 2



## Despite Rain, Mud

# They Do FTXs Big in Texas

Field Training Exercises—Texas Style. . .

In a continuing effort to maintain and improve tactical skills, the 303d Army Security Agency Battalion, Ft Hood, TX, took to the field in March for a four-day exercise.

Mornings saw 303ers up before the crack of dawn preparing for days and nights of learning experiences.

Site selection and forced marching, night infiltration defense and clearing the area were learned through doing. While night tactics, hasty fortification exercises and plenty of mud and rain gave experience to aggressors and defenders alike in chemical warfare, mobility and perimeter defense.

There were classes and hands-on learning in first aid, hygiene, camouflage, vehicle recovery, NBC, grenade tactics and establishing a landing zone.

Aerial surveys over the better than 20-mile spread between companies proved that camouflage and site location lessons had been learned well.

It's rough country with foul weather, but the 303d came through with flying colors.



SP4 David Schwartz waits for FTX's end.



Can you find the GLQ?

## Beat This

Sergeant Major David D. Gifford, who stakes claim to being the Army Security Agency's longest serving enlisted man, has retired ending 29 years of active duty.

A native of Maine, SGM Gifford was serving as Command Sergeant Major of Alamo Station, TX, prior to his retirement.

Enlisting in the agency shortly after his high school graduation, the sergeant major took his basic training at Ft Dix and received his first assignment to Vint Hill Farms Station, VA, one of five tours to that field station.

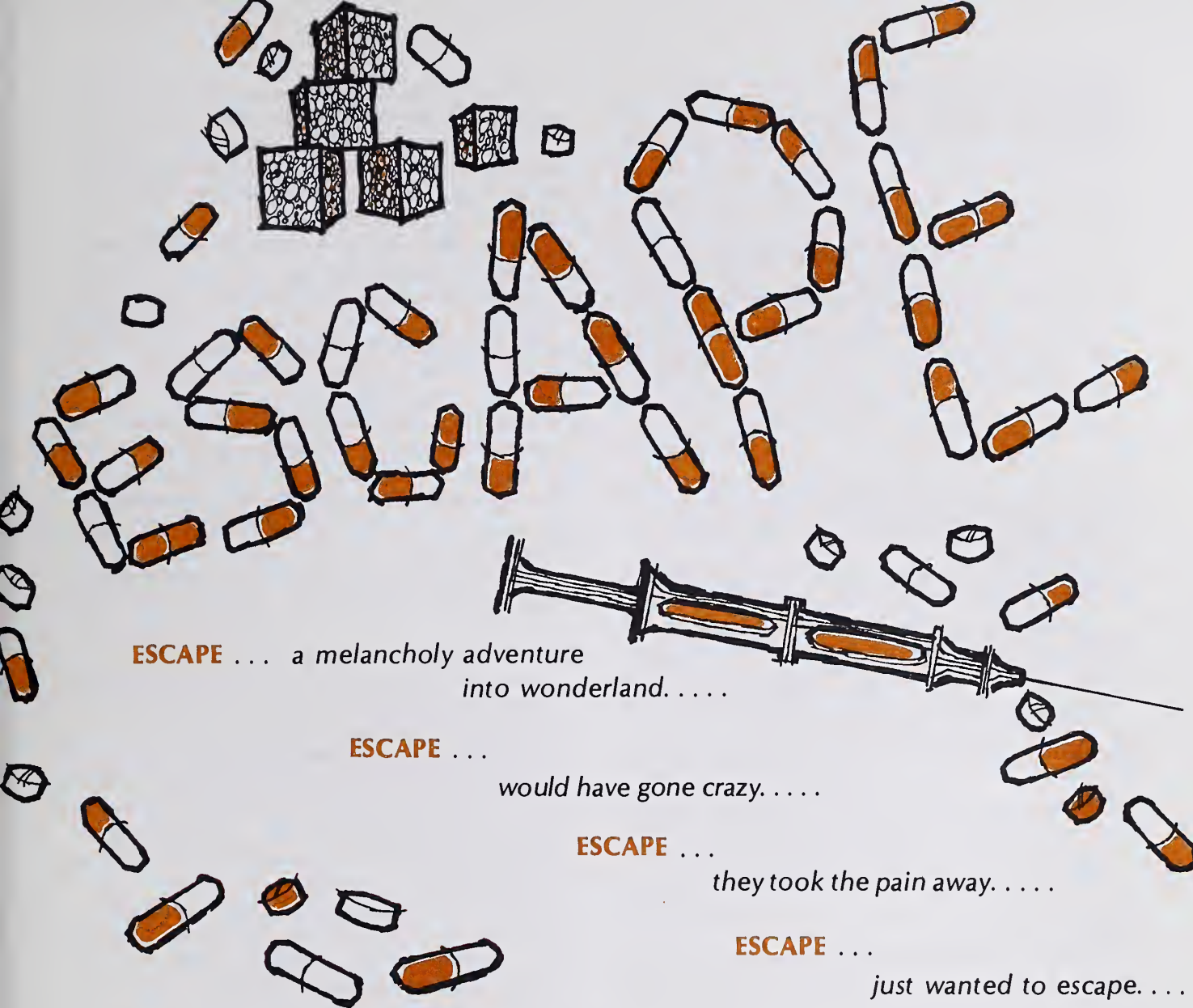
Overseas assignments included tours in Germany, the Philippines, Thailand, Vietnam, Burma, Greece and Iran with two stateside tours at Ft Devens.

Sergeant Major Gifford's awards and decorations include the Meritorious Service Medal, Bronze Star with Oak Leaf Cluster and Army Commendation Medal.

What about retirement?

According to the sergeant major, he and his wife plan to travel and fish, then he hopes to return to school.





**ESCAPE** ... a melancholy adventure  
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would have gone crazy. ....

**ESCAPE** ...  
they took the pain away. ....

**ESCAPE** ...  
just wanted to escape. ....

**H**i, my name's Joe. I'm an Army Security Agency troop just like you. The agency knows my real name and background, but that's not what I want to tell you.

You know, we all want to escape from something. And we find various ways of doing just that. For me, it was drugs. Yes, DRUGS.

Where did it all start?

Well, surprisingly enough, not with marijuana. . . no, it was a simple stay-awake pill. . . benzedrine, dexedrine, things like that.

And it wasn't for educational purposes, I just couldn't stand to miss out on anything.

Like I remember the time we split for New York for a Leonard Bernstein concert—this was in mid-summer 1969 and the big moon shot was going up. There were four of us and we didn't want to miss out on either event, so we had to have something to keep us going. Really, that was the foundation for my whole problem.



# ESCAPE!

*I liked to rationalize and think they gave me some sort of reasoning for being here . . .*

The pills started doing everything for me; maybe it was psychologically, maybe biologically, I'm not quite sure.

Did I take them frequently? You'd better believe it. It got to where I'd take a pill for no reason at all.

But it wasn't until I finished school and joined the Army that I realized I had a drug problem. In fact, it scared me to see people handling ammo or being in a combat situation, like I experienced in Viet Nam, who were wrecked most of the time. . . .on stay-awake pills and the junk the natives sold on the streets.

In Nam, I only used marijuana. It was easy to get and it served as a safety valve. Without it? I would have gone crazy. . . I honestly believe that.

I liked to rationalize and think that it would give me some sort of reasoning for my presence in that area, but it didn't.

I guess marijuana had more of an anesthetic value to it. . . it took away a lot of the pain that I saw. For a brief time, or however long the effects lasted, it was a pleasant experience.

Did I use it while I was in combat?

You'd better believe I didn't! I was too scared. Not of the drug itself but of how it would make me react. In combat I had to depend on people and people had to depend on me. The way I looked at it, taking drugs in combat was an irresponsible act on anybody's part!

You know, the pills and marijuana gave me two entirely different views of life. . . .pills put me down and marijuana made me fly.

I was down to earth on the pills. In fact, I was so down to earth, I was underearth.

Underearth?

I was aware of my surroundings. In fact, they were even more imprinted on my mind when I saw them under circumstances like that.

Maybe you've been to a W.C. Fields movie where the speed of things is just a little off. The pills let you know what's going on around you but the speed of life is off and everything is thrown off balance.

The pills helped me take everything out of perspective while still being on the scene.

I remember lying underneath a tree once and feeling my heart beat like it belonged to another person. . . it was beating thousands of beats, it seemed like, per second.

Where with marijuana, it was like really being drunk. . . .but sobering up without a hangover.

It gave me a distorted viewpoint of the real things. Like the time I went off post where I was stationed. I walked out the back gate and got lost. . . just outside the gate. . . I didn't know where I was.

It was a good high!

After marijuana, I tried chemicals. I guess you could technically call it LSD but it wasn't. . . it was blotter acid.

I had this friend who was a cook at the mess hall. He dealt and sold and transported the whole nine yards of drugs.

One night he was high as a kite. . . he was doing some pretty good speed. I'd been hitting the stuff all week too.

Anyway, he was working the night shift and I stopped by to have a drink with him. During our conversation, he said "Here, take this" and pushed a two-inch square piece of paper at me.

I was on my way to a party so I shoved the paper in my pocket. About halfway there, I realized I had the acid. That's how disoriented I was. On the way to the party I chewed the paper.

I felt kind of ridiculous chewing paper, but no one else was there.

Well, I got to the party and all of a sudden, all hell broke loose! I started burning up. My veins were just boiling. That's the only way I can describe it. Then suddenly, it seemed like the back of my eye sockets were just going haywire!

I thought I saw flashing lights. . . but it wasn't that. . . it was a nightmare!

This was in the fall and I was walking on the sidewalk up to the house when instantly, the leaves looked a foot thick. The acid really added a lot of perspective. Thank goodness it was nighttime.

At the party I walked right up to this WAC and, well the reason I remember this is because I relive it everyday, and I looked at her and said, "You look just like a guy." That went over real well!

Luckily, she didn't understand what I was saying.

My NCOIC just happened to be at the same party and I walked right over and started laughing at him. Then I told him how ugly he was.

That chemical really brought out my feelings!

The drug lasted for 18 to 20 hours. . . and there were some pretty decent scenes.

Later, I was going through the MP gate when a police car came screeching to a halt right in front of me with its lights flashing. Two MPs got out, grabbed this guy who was at the gate, threw him up against



the car and started searching him.

I'll tell you what, I just stopped the car and watched. . .it was so intense and dramatic.

After the effects wore off, I went back and told my friend what had happened. Seems he gave me a four-way hit of acid. . .I'd taken enough for four people! I didn't think too much of his creditability after that.

After the blotter acid, I had a brief encounter with a needle. Not on myself, somebody else. Some friends were trying to get me to use a needle but it just so happened that seeing the thing horrified me so much I turned away from it.

Next, I went to organic things.

A friend of mine came from Arizona to visit and he brought along some peyote buttons. We gnawed and chewed on that for awhile.

That was my first bad reaction to any drug I've ever taken. I got so sick. . .wow, dry heaves and everything else. That's just the way it acts on you at first. After the reaction, everything is fine and you're on cloud nine.

I never tried peyote again though. . .I just didn't care about that price!

From there I just reverted back to weed, hash, and, every now and then, dropped some pills.

Oh, I forgot to tell you, I tried heroin once.

It was back in Nam and a friend of mine laced this cigarette with heroin. I thought he was giving me a normal cigarette but I sure found out different fast.

What's it like?

Well, have you ever felt like you were lying on satin sheets when actually it was a cold concrete bunker. . .it was a melancholy adventure into wonderland. . .that's all I can say.

Very soothing, mild. . .

Never tried it again, though. It's too risky.

You start messing around with heroin and you have to mess around with the people who follow it. Marijuana comes into the country and gets put out on the open market and can't be traced easily. But this stuff. . .there's a lot of people watching it. Not only because of its legality but because of its danger.

You could go off and never come back from that melancholy adventure. . .

I overdosed once. . .not on heroin or marijuana but on some stuff from the Army dispensary.

One day, I went to the dispensary and told the doctors I was just hypernervous. I had been trying to clean my system out and stay away from the pills, but nothing had worked. . .it had just gotten worse.

So, I asked the doc if he'd give me something to calm me down and he did. . .some valium. I had some codeine left over from a car wreck.

Anyway, I was at the main gate directing traffic when I started getting hyper. . . .the cars kept coming through the gate and I kept looking at them. So, I'd take a pill and wave a car through and then pop another pill. Another car would come through and I'd take another pill.

I wasn't really conscious that I was taking them because I was so jumpy. It's hard to explain. . . .I was just jumping out of my skin.

Finally, I got off work and started home. Next thing I remember, was the doctors telling me a WAC had found me unconscious on the parade field, just laying in the grass. She'd taken me to the dispensary and they pumped my stomach.

After that I went through the whole detox thing at DeWitt Army Hospital. They asked me if I wanted to kill myself or if I was really depressed.

In college I was real depressed. . .but I just resigned myself to the fact that I was going to be dead by the time I was 30. . .maybe, psychologically, I was trying to pull that off. . .I really don't know.

I stayed on drugs for about a year after that. Several things finally made me decide to stop.

Like in 1972, when the Rolling Stones were in concert in Washington. . .I walked into the stadium and there was a blue haze over the crowd. I looked into the stands and everywhere you looked it was blue. . .even the people looked like they had blue uniforms on.

People were selling roach clips down the aisles, it was that bad. . .I started thinking "I've got to get out of here." I stayed though and watched the people as they left.

It looked like everyone was in some sort of Army and I didn't want to join. I was in one Army already and I didn't think these people had any more of a purpose than our Army had then.

*Escape* . . . pop a pill

*Escape* . . . smoke a weed

*Escape* . . . gnaw some peyote

# ESCAPE!

then there's that sunset  
... it keeps coming at me  
... then it explodes.

They just resembled filthy tramps. . .the only thing everyone had in common was that weed and that's nothing to share or form ideologies with.

You know, I got tired of having to go out with a group of people to use it, too. . . I don't like groups. . . I'm more independent than that so I guess I more or less just declared my independence.

It got to be a hassle, having to look around every corner to see if it was clear. . . You always had to be careful about your friends. . . who might tell on you.

What keeps me from going back?

I've just resigned myself to the fact that I want to see life as it is and meet it head-on. If I can't beat it on those terms, then I won't be able to face any terms.

You know, a lot of people ask why I didn't use alcohol instead of drugs. . . I personally don't like the taste of alcohol. Drugs have no taste. . . you can take them with a glass of milk at breakfast, mix them with your mashed potatoes. . . I've even seen people cook hashish in brownies. Those are extremes people go to.

Drug effects are more long term though.

Everyday, I get to thinking about the WAC at that party. . . I'd never want to hurt anyone's feelings but honest, she looked like a guy.

And then there's that sunset. . . I guess you could call it a moment of reentry. . . it's instantaneous. . . maybe five seconds or so. . . but there's this sun and it keeps getting oranger. . . that sun just keeps coming at me, coming at me and then it explodes just before it hits me in the face.

Not a very nice picture, huh? But what can be done?

Stricter laws aren't the answer. They're just a waste of time. . . drugs are going to be there no matter what barriers are put up. In fact, the more stringent the laws, the more productive organized crime becomes.

I personally don't recommend the drugs but I've seen some good things come out of them and likewise I've seen some bad ones too. A person never knows.

And it's not necessarily the first one that hurts you. You can get burned on the first, third, fifth, hundredth. . . on any of them. It's an individual type thing.

I really think drugs saved me. They helped put up a mental block where I didn't have the strength to put it up. . . they probably saved me a nervous breakdown. But it wouldn't be the same for everyone.

Drugs really aren't the problem. . . people are. If a person has a problem, like myself, he may turn to drugs. The best solution is in attacking the problems, not the drugs.

*Dialogue continued*

## There's no push

"No one is pushed into taking drugs. They do it of their own free will. A lack of proper education and information adds to the damage caused by drugs."

**SSG, TC&S**

## Gets attention

"From my own experience with teenage children, they do it to get attention because they are unhappy with their home situations. It's also caused from nonacceptance by a peer group. They want to fit in with the crowd. Sometimes personal appearance and physical looks push some people into drugs, hoping they will make up for lack of this virtue."

**GS-7, TC&S**

## Can't imagine why

"Being of an older generation and entirely unsympathetic to the drug culture, I can't imagine why anyone would use drugs any more than why anyone would try other forms of suicide. This country could well look to other nations for a solution to the drug problem. Some nations may have no users or dealers and, in effect, have no problem. Those who were users or dealers are probably dead or in prison and the latter may die there as it is hard to survive a long prison term in those countries. The United States, too, could solve its drug problem if it really wanted to, but it would have to pay the price of being ruthless which is apparently too great a price for the present liberal permissive society to accept."

**GS-12, AHS**



# Functioning and Finishing

Function in disaster—finish in style. Standing alone these two phrases do not seem to have great significance, but when placed in the proper perspective and context they mean a great deal to each of us.

To function in disaster implies that soldiers will accomplish each directed mission in spite of all obstacles that might confront them. These may be as insignificant as going to work with a toothache, vice calling in sick, or as major as continuing to excel in job performance even though hindered by austere manning that often requires a superhuman concentrated effort on the part of all concerned.

To finish in style requires that the demeanor and personal bearing of all Field Station Misawa soldiers

measures up to the highest standards when they depart their duty area. Above all it requires that each of us hold our head high and be proud of the fact that we have done another good job. I realize that this is sometimes difficult, especially after one has worked through adversity, is physically and mentally tired and has not had a weekend off with his family in two months. However, the mark of a good soldier is one who can rise above these adversities and continue to march on.

Function in disaster—finish in style. Do these phrases fit your *modus operandi*?

*by LTC Stone from Misawa Sentinel  
Field Station Misawa*

## Start Working for Your Future Now

There's been a lot of discussion recently about where the Army and ASA are today, what direction we are taking and if the changes, planned or already made are good or bad.

Basically we are in the midst of change. Adapting to a changing world, we are headed for an Army which will be in tune with the 20th Century's technological advances. For the individual this means a continuing effort to remain abreast of the changes as they come.

Our traditional view of providing a soldier with individual training during his first year of service, expecting him to complete his career with an occasional refresher course, is obsolete. The Army has recognized the need for formalized, institutionalized training at several intermediate points during career development. This is the basis for the Non-Commissioned Officers Education System (NCOES).

The Army is also encouraging soldiers to pursue the additional education that is necessary to understand our new technology by providing advanced promotion standing to the better educated soldier. The continuation of this trend can be seen in recent actions taken to reorganize the Military Occupation Specialty (MOS) structure and function.

These changes will set the pace for an Army in which training is both continuous and realistic. For those who are willing to learn there is a good future with the Army of Tomorrow.

Are all these changes good or bad? That is much a matter of personal viewpoint and the answer must be based on your expectations, but remember that it's up to you. The time to start working for your future is today.

*by 1SG Galt from Misawa Sentinel,  
Field Station Misawa*

### *Ideas and Opinions*

*"The exchange of ideas is the very motor of the democratic process"*

*Alan Barth*

FLARE

## A Memorial Day Tribute

A mother's love for her son may be expressed in many ways, but few of them are more poignant than the medium of poetry. Mrs. Floyd Stake of Albuquerque, N.M., wrote the following tribute to her son, SP4 Kendall A. Stake, a member of the 509th Radio Research Group.

### *Quiet Banners*

*He sleeps--  
Beneath the flag he loved.  
He died--  
To keep its furls unfolded  
With a breathless sweep:  
So future ages might with reverence keep  
Its colors leaping into the morning light,  
He sleeps--and is content.*

*But does he dream--  
With spirit soaring cross the sweep  
of this, his native land,  
Of people left to hold this banner high,  
underfeet,  
This symbol, that he died to keep  
Untarnished, shining in God's sight--  
He watches sightless, soundless now.  
This son we loved,  
Who sleeps.*